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THERE FOLLOWS THE FULL TEXT OF AN EDITORIAL WHICH RAN
IN THE NEW DELHI INDIAN EXPRESS ON FEBRUARY 18, 1977.
THIS STATEMENT BEST CHARACGERIZES THE DEEP PUBLIC IMPACT OF
MRS. CARTER'S VISIT TO BOMBAY.

"SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY -- IF IT WAS A FINE GESTURE
ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S PART TO SEND HIS MOTHER, LILLIAN
CARTER, AND HIS SON TO REPRESENT HIS COUNTRY AT
PRESIDENT AHMED'S FUNERAL, MISS CARTER HAS MADE HER
VISIT MEMORABLE BY USING THE OCCASION TO RENEW HER
OLD FRIENDSHIP WITH HER FORMER COLLEAGUES AT VIKHROLI,
WHERE SHE HAD WORKED AS A PEACE CORPS NURSE. DURING
1965 TO 1968. WHEN MISS LILLIAN WORKED AT THE LITTLE
FACTORY CLINIC RUN BY A BOMBAY FIRM, FEW COULD HAVE
IMAGINED THAT ONE DAY HER SON WOULD OCCUPY THE HIGHEST
OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES. WHAT IS PARTICULARLY
HEART-WARMING IS THAT SHE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN THE OPPORUTUNITY
TO VISIT VIKHROLI AND MEET OLD FRIENDS WHO KNEW HER
BEFORE SHE SHOT INTO THE LIMELIGHT AS THE PRESIDENT'S
MOTHER. THERE WAS AN ASTHAMATIC GARDNER AT VIKHROLI
IN WHOM MISS LILLIAN CONTINUED TO TAKE INTEREST EVEN
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AFTER HER RETURN TO HER COUNTRY AND LEARNT THROUGH
FRIENDS ABOUT THE HEALTH OF THIS LONELY MAN.

"ONE OF THE MOST MOVING EPISODES IN THE CAREER
OF MISS LILLIAN AT VIKHROLI RELATES TO HER DEEP CONCERN
FOR AN 11-YEAR OLD LEPROSY PATIENT TO WHOM INJECTIONS
HAD TO BE GIVEN DAILY. THE SUPREME COMPASSION SHE SHOWED

FOR THIS LITTLE GIRL IS REMINISCENT OF THE WORK OF
MOTHER TERESA TO BRING SUCCOUR TO THOSE WHO HAD NO ONE
TO TURN TO. ONE DAY THE POOR CHILD, HAVING BEEN FINALLY
CURED, BROUGHT HER AMERICAN NURSE A FLOWER AND PUT HER
ARMS ROUND HER NECK AND KISSED HER.

IT TAKES A GREAT DEAL OF COMPASSION AND UNDER-
STANDING FOR AFFLUENT AMERICANS TO CREATE A BRIDGE
OF SYMPATHY WITH AVERAGE INDIAN. MISS LILLIAN HAS
UNIQUELY STRENGTHENED THE BONDS BETWEEN INDIA AND THE
US BY HER SECOND VISIT TO INDIA AND THE RENEWAL OF THE
FRIENDSHIP SHE HAD FORMED. AT THE WELFARE CENTRE
AT VIKHROLI SHE DELIGHTEDLY MET THE GARDENERS,
THE MEDICAL OFFICER AND NURSE WHO HAD WORKED WITH HER SOME
YEARS AGO AND RECOGNISED MANY OTHERS.
SHE CONSOLED A WOMAN WHO HAD LOST HER HUSBAND. THE HUMAN TOUCH
WAS ALWAYS THERE. IN A WORLD DIVIDED BY
IDEOLOGICAL AND OTHER DIFFERENCES, IT IS SUCH PERSONAL BRIDGES OF
SYMPATHY AND GOODWILL THAT HELP TO BREAK DOWN NATIONAL
AND RACIAL BARRIERS AND CREATE NEW BONDS OF FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN
PEOPLES OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES."SCHNEIDER

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